UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE AND OFFICIAL FORMS, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2003

Notice is hereby given that changes to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure are due to take <u>effect</u> <u>December 1, 2003</u>, barring congressional action to reject, modify or defer these rule changes. This document points out only some, not all, of the changes in the FRBP and Official Forms. All of the changes as proposed may be found at <u>www.uscourts.gov/rules/newrules6.html.</u>

Privacy Rules

- Rules and Official Forms have been changed to allow the use of the last four digits of the Social Security number in captions and forms filed in a case. It is the responsibility of the filer to redact the information no longer required by the FRBP and revised Official Forms.
- Debtors will be required to submit (not file) with the court, a verified statement of the debtor's full Social Security number (new Official Form 21 attached hereto). This document will be maintained by the clerk, but it will not be a part of the official court file and will not be made a part of the public record.
- The court will use the full Social Security number in its computer system, but users of the system outside the Court will be able to see only the last four digits of the Social Security number. Users will be able to input and search on all nine digits of the Social Security number, but all screens will display only the last four digits.
- Bankruptcy petition preparers are still required to disclose the entire Social Security number of the individual who prepares the document. Notation is made "(Required by 11 U.S.C. Sec. 110(c))."

Other Changes

- Rules have been changed which affect eligibility for bankruptcy relief for certain organizations.
- Corporate disclosure requirements have been added for parties in adversary proceedings.
- Official Forms have been changed to no longer require full financial account numbers and names of minors and other dependents.

Notice is further given that the clerk is not responsible for the redaction of Social Security numbers or other personal data identifiers from documents filed with the court. This responsibility rests completely with the filer of the document. Accordingly, the United States Trustee, case and standing trustees and attorneys practicing in this court should review notices, reports and other materials prepared by their offices, which will become part of the official case file, to ensure that personal identifiers no longer required are not included in such submissions. Documents filed with the court will not be returned for redaction and will become part of the public record.

Dated: November 20, 2003 Grant E. Price, Clerk of Court

NOTICE

Effective December 1, 2003

In compliance with the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and the E-Government Act of 2002, and in order to promote electronic access to case files while also protecting personal privacy and other legitimate interests, parties shall refrain from including, or shall partially redact where inclusion is necessary, the following personal data identifiers from all documents and pleadings filed with the court, including exhibits thereto, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or required by statute, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or the Official Bankruptcy Forms.

- **Social Security numbers**. If an individual's Social Security number must be included in a pleading, only the last four digits of the number should be used.
- <u>Names of minor children</u>. If the involvement of a minor child must be mentioned, only the initials of that child should be used. On Schedule I of the Official Bankruptcy Form 6, list relationship and age of the debtor's dependents (i.e., son, age 6).
- <u>Dates of birth</u>. If an individual's date of birth must be included in a pleading, only the year should be used. On Schedule I of Official Bankruptcy Form 6, list age of each of the debtor's dependents.
- <u>Financial account numbers</u>. If financial account numbers are relevant, only the last four digits of these numbers should be used. On Schedules D, E, and F of Official Bankruptcy Form 6, debtors, if they so choose, may include their full account numbers to assist the trustee and creditors.

In compliance with the E-Government Act of 2002, a party wishing to file a document containing the personal data identifiers listed above may file an unredacted document under seal. This document shall be retained by the court as part of the record. The court may, however, still require the party to file a redacted copy for the public file.

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Official Form Changes and Rule Amendments

_____The privacy amendments are consistent with the policy that documents in bankruptcy cases generally should be available electronically with the proviso that the Bankruptcy Code and Rules should be amended as necessary to allow the court to collect a debtor's full Social Security number but display only the last four digits. Official Form changes and Rules amendments are listed below:

- The petition, Official Form 1, will contain only the last four digits of individual debtors' Social Security numbers (See attached revised form.)
- Amendments to Rule 1007 will require debtors to *submit* a verified statement containing the full nine-digit Social Security number.
- The new Statement of Social Security Number *will not be filed* in the case or become part of the case file available to the public at the court or over the Internet. (See attached form.)
- Rule 2002 will be amended to require the clerk to include the debtor's full Social Security number in the copy of the Section 341 meeting of creditors notice. Official Form 9 is sent to creditors, the debtor, the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The copy of the Section 341 notice included in the court case file, however, will contain only the last four digits of the Social Security number.
- Official Form 10, Proof of Claim, will require a wage creditor to disclose only the last four digits of the creditor's Social Security number. Subtotals for unsecured, secured, and priority will be added to the box for the total amount of the claim and a box will be added to the proof of claim for unsecured nonpriority claims. In addition, the shading will be removed from both the proof of claim and the Section 341 meeting of creditors notice. (See attached form.)
- Official Form 16A, the full caption, will be amended to include only the last four digits of any debtor's Social Security number. Accordingly, subsequent notices (after the Section 341 notice) will either include the last four digits or none, if Official Form 16B, the short caption, is used.
- Filers ---- not the clerk ---- are responsible for redacting Social Security numbers and other personal identifiers such as dates of birth, financial account numbers, and names of minor children in documents they file with the court.

(Official Form 1) (12/03) FORM B1 **United States Bankruptcy Court** Voluntary Petition District of Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle): All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 6 years All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): (include married, maiden, and trade names): Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No. / Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. No. (if more than one, state all): (if more than one, state all): Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): County of Residence or of the County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Principal Place of Business: Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above): Information Regarding the Debtor (Check the Applicable Boxes) Venue (Check any applicable box) Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. ☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District. Type of Debtor (Check all boxes that apply) Chapter or Section of Bankruptcy Code Under Which ☐ Individual(s) ☐ Railroad the Petition is Filed (Check one box) Corporation ☐ Stockbroker Chapter 7 Chapter 11 Chapter 13 Partnership ☐ Commodity Broker Chapter 12 Chapter 9 Clearing Bank Other_ Sec. 304 - Case ancillary to foreign proceeding Nature of Debts (Check one box) Filing Fee (Check one box) Consumer/Non-Business Business Full Filing Fee attached Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only) Chapter 11 Small Business (Check all boxes that apply)

Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 Debtor is and elects to be considered a small business under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(e) (Optional)				Must attach signed application for the courts consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form No. 3.		
Statistical/Administrative Information (Estimates only)						THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY
Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.						
Debtor estimates that, after be no funds available for di						
Estimated Number of Creditors	1-15 16-49	50-99 100	-199 200-999] [1000-over		
Estimated Assets						
\$0 to \$50,001 to \$100,0	01 to \$500,001 to	\$1,000,001 to	\$10,000,001 to	\$50,000,001 to	More than	
\$50,000 \$100,000 \$500,	000 \$1 million	\$10 million	\$50 million	\$100 million	\$100 million	
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Estimated Debts						
\$0 to \$50,001 to \$100,0		\$1,000,001 to	\$10,000,001 to	\$50,000,001 to	More than	
\$50,000 \$100,000 \$500	000 \$1 million	\$10 million	\$50 million	\$100 million	\$100 million	

in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

Date

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

In Re: Case No. Chapter: Debtor(s).					
1. Name of Debtor (enter Last, First and Mic (Check the appropriate box and, if applicable, provided)	ddle):				
/ / Debtor has a Social Security N (If more than one, state all.)	fumber and it is:				
/ / Debtor does not have a Social S	Security Number.				
2. Name of Joint Debtor (enter Last, First ar (Check the appropriate box and, if applicable, provi	nd Middle):de the required information.)				
/ / Debtor has a Social Security N (If more than one, state all.)	umber and it is:				
/ / Debtor does not have a Social ?	Security Number.				
I declare under penalty of perjury that the fo	oregoing is true and correct.				
XSignature of Debtor	X Date				
Signature of Debtor					

^{*}Joint debtors must provide information for both spouses.

Penalty for making a false statement: Fine of up to \$250,000 or up to 5 years imprisonment or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

FORM B10 (Official Form 10) (12/03)

United States Bankruptcy Court	DISTRICT OF	PROOF OF CLAIM				
Name of Debtor	Case Number					
NOTE: This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative of the case. A "request" for payment of an administrative expense may be						
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property):	anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving					
Name and address where notices should be sent: Telephone number:	particulars. Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case. Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.	This Space is for Court Use Only				
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor.	Check here replaces if this claim a previously a mends	filed claim, dated:				
1. Basis for Claim		7.00				
☐ Goods sold ☐ Services performed ☐ Money loaned ☐ Personal injury/wrongful death ☐ Taxes ☐ Other	Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U Wages, salaries, and compensation Last four digits of SS #: Unpaid compensation for services fromto (date)	(fill out below)				
2. Date debt was incurred:	3. If court judgment, date obtained	:				
4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$						
5. Secured Claim. Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a	7. Unsecured Priority Claim. Check this box if you have an unse	ecured priority claim				
right of setoff). Brief Description of Collateral: Real Estate	Amount entitled to priority \$ Specify the priority of the claim: Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,650),* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3). Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). Up to \$2,100* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of					
Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any: \$	property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse,					
6. Unsecured Nonpriority Claim \$	or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units-11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)().					
Check this box if: a) there is no collateral or lien securing your claim, or b) your claim exceeds the value of the property securing it, or if c) none or only part of your claim is entitled to priority.	*Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/04 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.					
8. Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited this proof of claim.	and deducted for the purpose of making	THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY				
9. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.						
10. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim						
Date Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the cree this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any						
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Instructions for Proof of Claim Form

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In particular types of cases or circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases that are not filed voluntarily by a debtor, there may be exceptions to these general rules.

—— DEFINITIONS ——

Debtor

The person, corporation, or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case is called the debtor.

Creditor

A creditor is any person, corporation, or other entity to whom the debtor owed a debt on the date that the bankruptcy case was filed.

Proof of Claim

A form telling the bankruptcy court how much the debtor owed a creditor at the time the bankruptcy case was filed (the amount of the creditor's claim). This form must be filed with the clerk of the bankruptcy court where the bankruptcy case was filed.

Secured Claim

A claim is a secured claim to the extent that the creditor has a lien on property of the debtor (collateral) that gives the creditor the right to be paid from that property before creditors who do not have liens on the property.

Examples of liens are a mortgage on real estate and a security interest in a car, truck, boat, television set, or other item of property. A lien may have been obtained through a court proceeding before the bankruptcy case began; in some states a court judgment is a lien. In addition, to the extent a creditor also owes money to the debtor (has a right of setoff), the creditor's claim may be a secured claim. (See also *Unsecured Claim.*)

Unsecured Claim

If a claim is not a secured claim it is an unsecured claim. A claim may be partly secured and partly unsecured if the property on which a creditor has a lien is not worth enough to pay the creditor in full.

Unsecured Priority Claim

Certain types of unsecured claims are given priority, so they are to be paid in bankruptcy cases before most other unsecured claims (if there is sufficient money or property available to pay these claims). The most common types of priority claims are listed on the proof of claim form. Unsecured claims that are not specifically given priority status by the bankruptcy laws are classified as *Unsecured Nonpriority Claims*.

Items to be completed in Proof of Claim form (if not already filled in)

Court, Name of Debtor, and Case Number:

Fill in the name of the federal judicial district where the bankruptcy case was filed (for example, Central District of California), the name of the debtor in the bankruptcy case, and the bankruptcy case number. If you received a notice of the case from the court, all of this information is near the top of the notice.

Information about Creditor:

Complete the section giving the name, address, and telephone number of the creditor to whom the debtor owes money or property, and the debtor's account number, if any. If anyone else has already filed a proof of claim relating to this debt, if you never received notices from the bankruptcy court about this case, if your address differs from that to which the court sent notice, or if this proof of claim replaces or changes a proof of claim that was already filed, check the appropriate box on the form.

1. Basis for Claim:

Check the type of debt for which the proof of claim is being filed. If the type of debt is not listed, check "Other" and briefly describe the type of debt. If you were an employee of the debtor, fill in the last four digits of your social security number and the dates of work for which you were not paid.

2. Date Debt Incurred:

Fill in the date when the debt first was owed by the debtor.

3. Court Judgments:

If you have a court judgment for this debt, state the date the court entered the judgment.

4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed:

Fill in the applicable amounts, including the total amount of the entire claim. If interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim are included, check the appropriate place on the form and attach an itemization of the interest and charges.

5. Secured Claim:

Check the appropriate place if the claim is a secured claim. You must state the type and value of property that is collateral for the claim, attach copies of the documentation of your lien, and state the amount past due on the claim as of the date the bankruptcy case was filed. A claim may be partly secured and partly unsecured. (See DEFINITIONS, above).

6. Unsecured Nonpriority Claim:

Check the appropriate place if you have an unsecured nonpriority claim, sometimes referred to as a "general unsecured claim". (See DEFINITIONS, above.) If your claim is partly secured and partly unsecured, state here the amount that is unsecured. If part of your claim is entitled to priority, state here the amount not entitled to priority.

7. Unsecured Priority Claim:

Check the appropriate place if you have an unsecured priority claim, and state the amount entitled to priority. (See DEFINITIONS, above). A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority if, for example, the claim is for more than the amount given priority by the law. Check the appropriate place to specify the type of priority claim.

8. Credits:

By signing this proof of claim, you are stating under oath that in calculating the amount of your claim you have given the debtor credit for all payments received from the debtor.

9. Supporting Documents:

You must attach to this proof of claim form copies of documents that show the debtor owes the debt claimed or, if the documents are too lengthy, a summary of those documents. If documents are not available, you must attach an explanation of why they are not available.